

# City of Oakbrook Terrace

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**Mayor Paul Esposito**

**City Council Members:** City Clerk Michael Shadley

**Ward 1:** Alderman Charlie Barbari and Alderman Joseph Beckwith

**Ward 2:** Alderman Michael Sarallo and Alderman Dennis Greco

**Ward 3:** Alderman Bob Rada and Alderwoman Mary Fitzgerald

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Esposito called April 22, 2025, Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 P.M.

### II. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following City Council members in attendance:

**Present:** Barbari, Beckwith, Fitzgerald, Greco, Rada, Sarallo, and Mayor Esposito

**Absent:** None

Also in attendance: Assistant to the City Administrator A. Raffel, Police Chief Casey Calvello, Deputy Police Chief Dave Clark, Community Development Director M. Headley, Public Services Director C. Ward, Finance Director T. Walker, HR Payroll Specialist J. Wade, and City Attorney R. Ramello.

### III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Esposito led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### IV. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

## **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS**

1. Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2025
2. Special City Council Meeting Minutes from February 21, 2025, and February 28, 2025
3. Budget Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2025

**Motion to approve the April 8, 2025, minutes of the Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole, Special City Council Meeting Minutes from February 21, 2025, and February 28, 2025, and Budget Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2025, as presented, was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Greco. Roll call vote was taken:**

**Ayes: Barbari, Beckwith, Fitzgerald, Greco, Sarallo, and Rada**  
**Nays: None**  
**Absent: None**

**Motion passed.**

## **VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Resident Bruce Almeroth spoke to the City Council regarding the Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club's annual Pasta Dinner fundraising event, scheduled for May 3, 2025, at the Salvation Army. He also mentioned that the Lions Club is making efforts to revive the Something Special event.

Resident Geza Petro spoke about the Lions Club Pasta Dinner, congratulating the re-elected members of the council and thanking Alderman Beckwith for his service. He also requested that everyone on the dais speak directly into the microphones so the audience can hear clearly.

Resident Christina Pavlak addressed the City Council regarding items removed from the agenda, seeking clarity on the number of investigations being completed, the start date of the investigation, attorney fees, and new information regarding events on April 1, 2025.

## **VII. RECESS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET HEARING**

**Motion to recess to the Committee of the Whole portion of this meeting was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Rada. An acclamation vote was taken:**

**Ayes: Barbari, Beckwith, Fitzgerald, Greco, Sarallo, and Rada**  
**Nays: None**  
**Absent: None**

## **VIII. FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET HEARING**

### **1. Call To Order**

Mayor Esposito called the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Hearing of the City Council to order at 7:17 P.M.

## **2. Roll Call**

Roll call indicated the following City Council members in attendance:

Present: Barbari, Beckwith, Fitzgerald, Greco, Rada, Sarallo, and Mayor Esposito

Absent: None

Also in attendance: Assistant to the City Administrator A. Raffel, Community Development Director M Headley, Police Chief C. Calvello, Deputy Chief D. Clark, Public Services Director C. Ward, Finance Director T. Walker, HR Payroll Specialist J. Wade, and City Attorney R. Ramello.

## **3. Presentation/Acknowledgement Of The Public Hearing Notice**

Mayor Esposito announced the Public Hearing Notice, which was published in the Daily Herald on Friday, April 2, 2025. He mentioned that the budget is available for viewing both online and at City Hall. Additionally, he provided the total budget amount for the upcoming year, along with the ordinances and resolutions that will be voted on to approve the city's budget.

## **4. Presentation Of The FY 2025-2026 Proposed Budget**

Finance Director Walker provided an overview of the budget process, emphasizing that the city's budget is financially sound. She discussed the implementation of new software programs and the digitization of records. Additionally, she reviewed projected revenues across all funds and expenditures related to government funds. Walker noted that the grocery tax had been reinstated in the budget, along with the addition of three patrol officers and a 4% salary increase for city employees. She also discussed the city's revenues and expenditures with the City Council.

Alderman Beckwith inquired about last summer's negative revenues and the overall decline in revenue, noting that projections would not be accurate unless there were some kind of transfer in.

Finance Director Walker stated that this is due to the city's use of a modified accrual basis, which was introduced in the previous year.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald sought clarification on the salary increases and their percentage compared to the previous year. She also inquired about any changes in the number of full-time and part-time employees and the projected legal fees.

Alderman Greco stated that he would like to see an increase on the police department side.

Alderman Beckwith commented on the budget, narratives, and transmittal letter, and also requested clarification regarding the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) budget.

Alderman Rada asked about passing the budget, amendments, and the grocery tax.

Alderman Greco inquired about the account labeled "contingency" in the Executive Administration budget, as well as the full-time positions.

Finance Director Walker highlighted the Capital Improvement Projects proposed for FY26.

**5. Questions From Members Of The Public And Press**

Resident Bob Shanahan asked the question regarding the funds for the Strategic and Comprehensive Plan and would like to see some follow-through.

**6. Presentation Of An Ordinance To Approve The FY 2025-2026 Budget**

**7. Presentation Of A Resolutions To Approve The Five (5) Year Capital Improvement Plan**

**8. Adjourn The Public Hearing**

**Motion to adjourn the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Hearing was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderwoman Fitzgerald at 8:04 P.M.**

**Acclamation vote was made with all Ayes.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**IX. ACTION ITEMS / CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Payment of City Bills: April 22, 2025, In The Amount Of \$149,092.26
2. Payroll Summary Report - March 2025
3. Treasurer's Report - March 2025
4. Ordinance No. 25 - 15: An Ordinance To Approve And Authorize The Waiver Of The Building Permit Fee For The Oakbrook Terrace Park District
5. Resolution No. 25 - 02: A Resolution Reserving And Authorizing The Transfer Of Volume Cap In Connection With Private Activity Bond Issues And Related Matters For Calendar Year 2025 By The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois

**Motion to approve the Action Items/Consent Agenda of April 22, 2025, Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Beckwith. Roll call vote was taken:**

**Ayes: Barbari, Beckwith, Fitzgerald, Greco, Rada, and Sarallo**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion passed.**

**X. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

None

## **XI. RECESS TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**Motion to recess to the Committee of the Whole portion of this meeting was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderwoman Fitzgerald. An acclamation vote was taken:**

**Ayes:** Barbari, Beckwith, Fitzgerald, Greco, Sarallo, and Rada  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None

## **XII. MAYOR ESPOSITO**

1. Mayor Esposito stated that District 48 held its Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Stella May Swartz School that morning. He thanked Superintendent Amy Zaher for the invitation and enjoyed seeing everyone attend the event.
2. Mayor Esposito reminded City Council and residents of the Special City Council meeting set for Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
3. Mayor Esposito noted that the next City Council meeting, scheduled for May 13th, will include the swearing-in of new council members.
4. Mayor Esposito wanted to highlight the landscape improvements at Fik Point, which Public Services has updated. He stated that residents have noticed the improvements and are pleased with them.
5. Mayor Esposito reminded everyone about the Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club Annual Pasta Dinner to be held on May 3, 2025, at the Salvation Army.
6. Mayor Esposito commented to Alderman Beckwith that he will be missed, and thanked him for serving the City of Oakbrook Terrace

## **XIII. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

### **1. Draft Ordinance To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of A Consultant Services Agreement With Waident Support Solutions, LLC For The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois**

Mayor Esposito has requested that the City Council review the draft ordinance regarding consultation services with Waident. He explained that the City needs the consultant's expertise to locate the records specified in the subpoena. Mayor Esposito further elaborated that the consultant will search the City's electronic databases for the relevant records, create electronic copies of these records in PDF format, and then send the documents to the City's Corporation Counsel for review.

The City Attorney stated that the City received a subpoena for records. Due to limited staffing, a third-party IT service will conduct the search for specific documents.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald inquired whether Oakbrook Terrace was the only municipality served with a subpoena or if others were also served.

Alderman Greco inquired about the necessity of the ordinance and whether future FOIA requests of this nature would require new ordinances or if they could be handled on a retainer basis.

This item was moved to the next Consent Agenda.

### **2. Consultant Services Agreement For Plumbing Plan Review & Inspections Services - Orange Inspection, Inc.**

Mayor Esposito has requested that the City Council review the consultant service agreement for plumbing plan review and inspection services with Orange Inspections, Inc. He mentioned that the City's

Plumbing Inspector retired in December, and since then, George Benes has been providing interim plumbing inspections. Mayor Esposito noted that Mr. Benes is already familiar with the city as he has been involved in code enforcement. Additionally, Mr. Benes is the owner of Midland Plumbing and currently serves as the plumbing inspector for the Village of Villa Park.

Alderman Greco inquired whether Community Development had subcontracted the plumbing plans to a third party.

Alderman Rada asked for clarification regarding the trip charge.

This item was moved to the next Consent Agenda.

**3. Draft Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of An Estoppel Certification And Consent To Assignment By The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois**

Mayor Esposito requested that the City Council review the draft resolution for the execution of an estoppel certificate and consent to assignment. He explained that he had received a phone call from the president of Green Signs regarding the billboard located in the Oakbrook Terrace Public Services parking lot, adjacent to Illinois Route 83. Mayor Esposito stated that the billboard had been sold to Lamar Advantage GP Company, LLC, which will assign the execution of the lease agreement.

City Attorney Ramello gave further clarification regarding what Lamar Advantage GP Company, LLC will be providing to the city.

Alderman Barbari requested clarification on whether this is a new lease, its duration, and any associated cost increases.

Alderman Greco asked if we could utilize the billboard more to promote city-related events and initiatives.

Alderman Sarallo asked if a Certificate of Insurance is required.

This item was moved to the next Consent Agenda.

**XIV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Alderman Rada requested an update on the speed sign on Luther Avenue. He thanked Walker for the financial reports and emphasized the need to monitor tourism revenue.

Alderman Beckwith thanked everyone for allowing him to sit on the City Council and work with a good group of people. He reminded Alderwoman Fitzgerald that a meeting with the MacArthur Focus group

needs to be scheduled. He also stated the Salvation Army would be hosting an open house on Thursday, May 1.

Alderman Greco emphasized the importance of having microphones set up for employees who are making presentations. He expressed his gratitude to Public Services Director Ward for relocating the signs on MacArthur Drive and 22nd Street. Additionally, he mentioned that it had been an honor to sit on the dais alongside Alderman Beckwith.

Alderman Barbari thanked Alderman Beckwith, stating it was a pleasure to serve alongside him.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald sought clarification on the directive for installing the speed signs. She expressed her gratitude to Alderman Beckwith for his excellent work on the City Council, acknowledged him as a valuable mentor, and expressed her hope that he would continue to contribute to the City of Oakbrook Terrace.

#### **XV. CITY ATTORNEY**

The City Attorney expressed it was a pleasure working with Alderman Beckwith and wished him well in his future endeavors.

#### **XVI. CITY CLERK**

None

#### **XVII. CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

None

#### **XVIII. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Motion to reconvene the City Council meeting was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Beckwith. An acclamation vote was taken:**

**Ayes: Barbari, Beckwith, Fitzgerald, Greco, Rada, and Sarallo**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: None**

#### **XIX. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Ordinance No. 25 - 14: An Ordinance To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of A Legal Services Payment Agreement By And Between Ekl, Williams & Provenzale, LLC And The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois**



**Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 25 - 14: An Ordinance To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of A Legal Services Payment Agreement By And Between Ekl, Williams & Provenzale, LLC And The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Sarallo. A roll call vote was taken:**

**Ayes: Barbari, Beckwith, Fitzgerald, Rada, Sarallo, and Vlach**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion passed.**

## **XX. OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. Ordinance No. 25 - 13: An Ordinance Approving The Budget For The City of Oakbrook Terrace For The Fiscal Year Commencing on May 1, 2025, And Ending On April 30, 2026**

**Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 25 - 13: An Ordinance Approving The Budget For The City of Oakbrook Terrace For The Fiscal Year Commencing on May 1, 2025, And Ending On April 30, 2026 was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Beckwith. A roll call vote was taken:**

**Ayes: Barbari, Beckwith, Fitzgerald, Greco, Sarallo, Rada, and Vlach**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion passed.**

- 2. Resolution No. 24-07: A Resolution Approving The Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan Beginning In 2024 For The City Of Oakbrook Terrace**

**Motion to Approve Resolution No. 24-07: A Resolution Approving The Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan Beginning In 2024 For The City Of Oakbrook Terrace was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Greco. A roll call vote was taken:**

**Ayes: Barbari, Beckwith, Fitzgerald, Greco, Sarallo, Rada, and Vlach**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion passed.**

**ADJOURN**

**Motion to adjourn was made by Alderwoman Fitzgerald and seconded by Alderman Beckwith at 8:39 P.M.**

**Acclamation vote was made with all Ayes.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Respectfully submitted,**



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**Amy Raffel, Recording Secretary**

**Attested:**



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**Michael Shadley  
City Clerk**

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